

night of the home team or reversing the fixture if acceptable to both team captains."

(5) Matches should commence not later than 7.30 pm, except where dispensation is given by the Executive Committee and the starting time shall be entered on the score card. After the starting time no practice shall be permitted except for a maximum of two minutes between contestants immediately prior to the commencement of their game. Where no member of a team has appeared within 30 minutes of the starting time that team shall forfeit the match and awarded to the non-forfeiting team 6-0.

The non-forfeiting team may request that this match be played at a later date by asking the committee through the League Secretary in order to obtain a maximum of ten points. However, if the match remains unplayed the result will be recorded at 6-0.

(6) (a) In a match where a team is represented by only two players, the match will consist of six singles games and one doubles game.

(b) Where both teams have only two players the match shall consist of four singles games and one doubles game.

(c) No team shall play any match with only one player. The team attending with one player to forfeit the match and awarded to the non-forfeiting team 6-0.

(d) "A Match Team may only consist of 3 players, no other person may play in the doubles"

(7) The order of play shall be as laid down in the official score card, except that it can be varied if agreed by both captains prior to commencement of the match. The home team should enter its players names first on the score card. If a match is commenced but not completed, the unplayed games will be awarded automatically to the non-defaulting team and if no variation of the order of play is agreed by both captains as set out above any player not having made his or her appearance when required to play as laid down in the score card shall forfeit the game. The circumstances of any unplayed or forfeited game must be reported to the Divisional Results Secretary when submitting the score card.

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(8) During the course of the season each team shall play every other team in the same division the commensurate number of times as determined by the league structure. No match shall be used to determine the points awarded in any other match.

(9) Position in the League Tables shall be decided by the points obtained, i.e.

One point to be awarded for each individual game won by teams in the league, allowing a maximum of 10 points per match. A point will also be awarded for any game where no opponent is fielded, but not for a game where neither team can field a player. In the event of a tie in the table effecting promotion/relegation, a play-off on a neutral table shall decide.

(10) (a) In any season the number of divisions that form the league and the number of teams on each division shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(b) In any season the number of teams promoted and relegated in any division shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

(c) In carrying out the above The Executive Committee shall take due consideration of, but not limited to, any points of view, recommendations and concerns that they are informed of in accordance with rule 16 (b) & (c).

(11) The umpires for each game during a match shall be mutually agreed and, as far as possible, be alternate members of home and away teams. The umpires decision shall be final.

(12) All games will be played in strict accordance with the English Table Tennis Association's Rules.

20. Inspection of Premises

The Executive Committee shall have the right to inspect any club's premises before or during the season and, if found unsuitable, shall advise on the necessary alterations. If the club cannot or will not put right the points mentioned, then the Executive Committee have the right to refuse continuance of that club in the League.

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